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## **IRS Announces New Leadership Positions in Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division**

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WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today announced the selections of Michael Julianelle as the Director of Government Entities and Joseph H. Grant as the Director of Employee Plans. Both organizations are part of the IRS's Tax Exempt and Government Entities Division.

"Both Michael and Joseph bring a wealth of experience and talent to these important offices in TE/GE," said Steven T. Miller, Commissioner of TE/GE. "As leaders of two of TE/GE's three major customer divisions, Michael and Joseph will continue TE/GE's efforts to provide the right balance of service and enforcement to achieve optimum compliance with the law."

Julianelle begins his new assignment in mid-November. He replaces Preston R. Butcher, who plans to retire at the end of the year but will remain in TE/GE to work on special projects for Miller until then.

In his new capacity, Julianelle will oversee the operations of the three Government Entities offices: Federal, State and Local Governments; Indian Tribal Governments and Tax Exempt Bonds. GE customers include approximately 86,000 federal, state and local government employers, representing 20 percent of the American workforce, earning about \$760 billion annually and paying employment taxes in excess of \$200 billion. GE also oversees the tax administration and compliance needs of over 560 federally recognized Indian tribes and administers complex tax law provisions and compliance programs covering tax-exempt bonds. Tax-exempt bond value has grown to over \$1.6 trillion in recent years.

Julianelle has been director of EP Examinations since 2004. Before that, he served as the International Area Director in the IRS's Small Business/Self-Employed division. During that time he was responsible for SB/SE Worldwide Operations including Puerto Rico and the U.S. territories and possessions. He also developed and managed an offshore territory program that specialized in offshore transactions and abusive scheme promoters.

As for Grant, starting Oct. 1, he will be responsible for leading the Employee Plans division, which is responsible for administering the law affecting more than one million public and private retirement plans that have almost \$12 trillion under management. He replaces Carol Gold, EP director since November 1999, who has accepted a teaching position with the Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Va.

Grant joined the IRS in August 2005, as of director of the EP Rulings & Agreements division. He was responsible for EP determination letters, technical guidance, quality assurance and voluntary compliance programs. Before that, he was chief operating officer and a deputy executive director of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC). There he exercised direct control over the legal, policy and benefit payment operations of the federal pension insurance program for more than 31,000 pension plans with 44 million participants.

Prior to his service with the PBGC, Grant served on the staff of the Oversight and Social Security subcommittees of the Committee on Ways and Means of the U.S. House of Representatives.